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Dr. Carson observed that the white fruited variety of *Gaylussacia resinosa* exhibited this evening, was very unusual, and desired that its locality, Warrior's Ridge, Huntington County, Pennsylvania, should be placed on record.

Dr. C. M. Cresson called attention to the specimens of ripple-marked sandstone presented by him this evening. They were taken from Second Mountain in the gap, through which the west branch of the Schuylkill passed, Schuylkill Co., Pa. The formation is No. 10 of Rogers' enumeration, otherwise known as the Vespertine White Sandstone. These ripple-marked plates occur in thin laminae, and those at present exposed consist of three layers: two outer layers ripple-marked upon the surfaces next to the centre plate, and plane upon the exterior surfaces, and a centre plate ripple-marked upon each side, the markings fitting those of the enclosing laminae. These waves are extremely regular and very nearly parallel with each other. The apices or crests of the waves are about 3" apart, and the depression varies from  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". The thickness of the plates averages about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

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Sept. 21st.

Vice-President LEA in the Chair.

Forty members present.

The following paper was presented for publication in the Proceedings: "Description of a new Tanager from the Isthmus of Darien, and note on *Selenidera spectabilis*, by John Cassin," and was referred to a Committee.

Dr. Leidy exhibited a large specimen of Cryolite, obtained by Mr. Frischmuth from a locality on the river Schuylkill, near Philadelphia.

The death of Mr. John A. Vancleve, of Dayton, Ohio, late Correspondent of the Academy, was announced by Dr. Jas. C. Fisher.

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Sept. 28th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Thirty-three members present.

A paper read before the Biological Department, entitled "Secondary formation of Blood Crystals by W. A. Hammond, M. D.," was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings of the Department.

The following paper was ordered to be printed:

**Description of a New TANAGER from the Isthmus of Darien, and note on *SELENIDERA SPECTABILIS*, Cassin.**

BY JOHN CASSIN.

Having recently had an opportunity of examining a collection of birds made on the Isthmus of Darien, I have been much gratified as well as surprised to find both sexes of the Toucan, recently described by me, under the name of *Selenidera spectabilis*, (Proc. Acad., 1857, p. 214.) The collection alluded to was made by a party under the command of Lieut. N. Michler, U. S. Topog. Eng., that surveyed a route for a ship canal across the Isthmus, by order of the Government of the United States.

In the collection, there is also a single specimen of a Tanager of the same group as *Calliste gyrola*, *gyroloides* and *Desmarestii*, but distinct from either, 1858.]